

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~27th June, 1960COCOM Document 3716.35/7 BCOORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONITEM 1635 - ALLOYS20th and 23rd June, 1960

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents 3716.35/2 to 6 and W.P.1635/2.

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that at the last meeting at which this matter was discussed the Committee had agreed to refer to Member Governments the three proposals which had been submitted respectively by the Chair, the United States Delegation and the United Kingdom Delegation with a view to excluding glass to metal sealing alloys from embargo (COCOM 3716.35/6, paragraphs 1, 3 and 11). He invited Delegates to make known their authorities' views on these three proposals.
2. The GERMAN Delegate said that his authorities had instructed him to notify their agreement on the principle of the French proposal that glass to metal sealing alloys should be freed. As to the choice of the exclusion formula, the German Delegation were not yet able to adopt a final position; they were prepared however to recommend to their authorities the acceptance of a text agreed to by all other Delegations.
3. The BELGIAN Delegate said that he was now able to give a firm agreement to the principle of a Note excluding glass to metal sealing alloys. The Belgian authorities, while ready to accept any of the texts proposed, had a slight preference for the Chairman's wording.
4. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate stated that his authorities continued to prefer the text they had themselves proposed. They would however be able to accept the wording proposed by the United States Delegation, although in their view the words "or alloy steels" should be deleted, since the whole of Item 1635 dealt with alloy steels containing 50% or more iron. Nevertheless, if unanimity was obtainable on the United States proposal as worded at present, the United Kingdom Delegation would not oppose its adoption. At the same time they wished to emphasise that this acceptance would in no way prejudice their position that the words "alloy steels" should be inserted in the general heading of Item 1635 rather than in one of its sub-paragraphs.
5. The Delegate stressed furthermore that it would be necessary to provide a corollary note to Item 1661(b), since otherwise a glass to metal sealing alloy containing iron and nickel but not containing cobalt would risk embargo under the definition of Item 1661. Lastly, the Delegate explained that, rather than drafting Notes, his Delegation would prefer the Committee to add a paragraph (iii) under sub-item 1635(a)(2) and a paragraph (v) under sub-item 1661(b) in order to exclude the alloys in question.
6. The NETHERLANDS Delegate stated that, although preferring the formula suggested by the Chairman, his Delegation were prepared to agree to any text acceptable to the majority.

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7. The CANADIAN Delegate stated that his Delegation were in favour of any proposal intended to clarify the meaning of Item 1635. The Canadian Delegation would prefer to see the United Kingdom wording adopted; they would be able, however, to accept the text proposed by the Chairman or that put forward by the United States Delegation.
8. The ITALIAN Delegate stated that he had not yet received final instructions on this question. He could therefore only agree ad referendum to whatever wording seemed likely to secure the agreement of the majority, while preferring that suggested by the Chairman.
9. The JAPANESE Delegate stated that his authorities had no firm views on this matter and the Japanese Delegation would join the majority.
10. The UNITED STATES Delegate noted that all Member Governments seemed to be in agreement that there were glass to metal sealing alloys containing more than 6% cobalt, which, although non-strategic, were at present covered under Item 1635(a)(2). The problem was to find a formula satisfactory to all Participating Countries, for the exclusion of these sealing alloys. His authorities had given further careful consideration to this matter, including the other proposals referred to by the Chairman; they had reached the conclusion that adoption of the formula previously recommended by the United States Delegation (paragraph 3, COCOM Document 3716.35/6) would be the simplest and most effective means of accomplishing what the French and other Delegations were seeking. Accordingly, he once again urged the adoption of the United States proposal. He had been further authorized to concur in the United Kingdom proposal (paragraph 11, COCOM Document 3716.35/6) for a corollary note to Item 1661(b). The United States authorities considered that this solution would permit the exclusion from the embargo of all types of non-strategic glass to metal sealing alloys or metals. In reply to the United Kingdom Delegate's suggestion as to deletion of the words "or alloy steels", the Delegate explained that these words had been introduced by the French Delegation and that his own Delegation would be ready to delete them if this were acceptable to the French Delegation and to the other members of the Committee.
11. The FRENCH Delegate stated that his Delegation had a decided preference for the text proposed by the Chairman, which they considered clear and complete. As, however, there now appeared to be a tendency in favour of the United States proposal complemented by the United Kingdom proposal regarding Item 1661, the French Delegation would be ready to accept this solution; they nevertheless hoped for the retention of the words "or alloy steels".
12. The CHAIRMAN noted that, with the exception of the Italian Delegation, whose agreement needed confirmation, and the German Delegation, who had undertaken to recommend to their authorities the wording to which the majority agreed, the Committee as a whole had now agreed to adopt the exclusion formula proposed by the United States Delegation for Item 1635, together with that proposed by the United Kingdom Delegation for Item 1661. In conclusion, he invited Delegates to state their views on the United Kingdom Delegation's last suggestion that the agreed exclusion texts should be embodied in the definition itself in both cases.
13. After a brief exchange of views, the COMMITTEE agreed to this last suggestion and, subject to confirmation from the German and Italian Delegations, agreed to add to Items 1635 and 1661 the two new paragraphs set out below:
- 1635(a)(2)(iii): "Glass to metal sealing alloys or alloy steels containing 20% or less cobalt."
- 1661(b)(v): "Glass to metal sealing alloys containing up to 50% nickel."

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14. On the 23rd June, the ITALIAN Delegate confirmed his Government's agreement to the amendments set out in paragraph 13 above.

15. The GERMAN Delegate stated that he could accept the amendment proposed for Item 1635. He was only able however to agree ad referendum to the proposal concerning Item 1661.

16. The COMMITTEE agreed to await German Delegate's final answer as to Item 1661 before issuing an Amendment to the International Lists setting out the two changes shown in paragraph 13 above.

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